

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Committee Principals and Observers

FROM:

Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: USIB-D-9.1/20 dated 30 April 1973, Physical
Security Standards for Compartmented Infor-
mation Facilities

1. The SECOM concluded that the captioned standards needed to be updated in the light of technical and material advances and of experience in recent espionage cases. They recommended that these standards be reviewed by the Facilities Branch of the Committee Staff with the results presented to the full Committee for action.

2. These standards have been reviewed by the Facilities Branch of the SECOM Staff which has made the following recommendations:

a. That the Physical Security standards for Compartmented Information Facilities be updated as soon as possible so that the new standards can be phased in with the new APEX System or as soon thereafter as possible.

b. That consideration be given to having the new standards apply to both SCI and collateral intelligence information.

c. That consideration be given to combining some TEMPEST activities with Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Activities and that some Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Teams be trained in TEMPEST testing.

d. That the new standards cover all areas where classified intelligence information is generated, stored, processed or transmitted and all electronic or electric equipment located in these areas, i.e., computers, office equipment, radios, etc.

3. A review of the pertinent SECOM files determined that it took approximately 4 years to write the current USIB Standards. In order to attempt to significantly reduce the time required to revise this standard a draft copy will be prepared by the SECOM Staff which will be used as a beginning working document for the Working Group.

4. Each SECOM member should designate a person to serve on the Working Group and coordinate proposed standards in his agency. This designation should be made no later than May 1979 and the SECOM advised of the identity of the designee.



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